

6 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Notes on the ARGO Committee Meeting
of 28 July 1971

25X1A 1. Jack Martin suggested that the next meeting of the ARGO Committee be postponed until early September because several members probably are taking vacations during August. He also added that [REDACTED] would be leaving for Saigon in mid-September and he hoped sincerely that [REDACTED] be able to attend the September meeting. He commended [REDACTED] for the manner in which he had been a mainstay in assuming major responsibility in preparing for the ARGO meetings, thus relieving Jack of the many details involved.

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Jack noted that the major portion of the meeting would be devoted to briefings and only a few minutes would be given over to the discussion of the civilian agency requirements. Since the meeting started at 0930, he was sure that it could be adjourned by 1230.

2. [REDACTED] was then called upon to provide a

8. Insofar as the above discussion related to national intelligence requirements, it was my feeling, and also ~~that it was too detailed and rather inappropriate~~ for the representatives of the civilian agencies who were sitting around the table.

9. then introduced his second briefer,

10. The third briefer was introduced by

11. Finally, at 1200, Jack Martin called on three of the civilian agencies to discuss their requirements. The first man to speak was Roy Fordham who showed two or three briefing boards which indicated what has already been covered the distribution of 1:250,000 series maps that had been completed² by the use of that photography, and the areas that still need to be covered to complete the revision of the series. He did mention the need for future additional coverage for updating purposes.

12. Bill Davis of NOAA said that he felt that photography would be ideal for the studies related to all U. S. harbors every five years, airfields, snow coverage, pre-disaster coverage in Gulf and Atlantic coast areas each year, major flooding, and coastal hydrographic and shoreline changes.

13. Mr. Miller of Agriculture said that he had contacted various parts of the Department and called on one of his men to discuss the subject. Actually very little was said regarding the specifics of Agriculture's requirements.

14. At that point Jack Martin wondered if it would be useful if Dr. David were to address a memo to each of the Secretaries to aid in getting the requirements established. Miller of Agriculture and Davis of NOAA felt this would be unnecessary.

15. An interesting ten-minute film that was made by the Aerospace Charting and Geodetic Service was shown by the representative from MC&G/DIA.

25X1A 16. [REDACTED] suggested that the civilian agencies probably could obtain better results if they would state their requirements with respect to improvements as they come along and not evaluate their requirements in terms of some of the potential improvements that had been discussed at the meeting. He hoped they would have requirements by the next meeting.

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17. [REDACTED] mentioned that the [REDACTED] had approved use of the 18-inch focal length camera in Skylab. He also pointed out that it would be used only over the U.S. and it would be available for use for only 70 hours out of eight months.

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